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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAMI KATO) Examiner: Q. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/343,183) Group Art Unit: 2152
Filed: June 30, 1999)
For: DATA COMMUNICATION)
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002 for three months from December 11, 2002 to March 11, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$930.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Signature Date of Signature

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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